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#### "Let There Be No Misunderstanding."

The first real test of the preparednear at hand. It is perhaps very

"Let there be no misunderstanding. Our present and immediate task is to adde until it is accomplished. Every power and resource we possess, whether of men, of money, or of materials, is is achieved."

The President has said at no time on the subject of war aims anything more pertinent with regard to the events that are imminent, or more of the whole country are now concentrated, than is contained in the forepresent session.

to win the war, and nothing shall turn ever had been gathered at one place us aside until it is accomplished."

The sentiment also possesses con derable interest for an intelligent enemy beginning or threatening the greatest offensive of the war.

# Outside the Breastworks.

It was in 1888 that WARNER MIL-LER "fell outside the breastworks." He had been nominated unanimously it the confidence of the depressed has our school children. HARRISON was running for President. HARRISON carried the State by 15,000 against Cleveland; Miller lost to HILL by 29,000. The Platt men knew how to knife.

General HARRISON sent his condol ences to Miller in a message in which he called the Herkimer county politician the "intrepid leader who fell outside the breastworks." The skill and energy of PLATT were devoted thereafter to the effort to keep Mil. 123 on the outside. He succeeded after struggles more bitter than any New York has since known

Six years later MILLER tried for the nomination for Governor again. The year '92 had seen CLEVELAND's second election as President. PLATT had worked like a beaver in establishing his power in the Republican party, early in his rule of the country deand when Roscoz Conkling's sucthis time it was recognized that the result would be decisive in the political fortunes of the two men. PLATT's candidate for the Governorship was Levi P. Monron, and his victory in the convention put the seal of absolute defeat on MILLER.

Two years later MILLER was ousted from the Big Four, the advisory com- Belgian nation. mittee of the Republican State Comforce in State and national politics.

forced back toward Richmond by General Fremont's forces, and paroled the Yankee prisoner as he retired. Lieutenant Miller went home to Fort reconciling the larger Belgian race of the war machine. The men in them Edward, and after entering the paper with the German rule. The Germans do work that must be done if the making industry spent a year in Bel- did everything possible to encourage gium studying the processes of manu- Flemish aspirations. They estabfacture there. On returning to this lished a Flemish university at Ghent, country he worked sixteen hours a for which the Flemings had agitated day for ten years, most of the time for years. They formed a Flemish heavily in debt, to get American pa- party and took some of its "leaders" per makers to use the machines he to Berlin to present a petition setting reject this theory, holding that for the invented and the scientific methods forth their desires to the German sake of discipline and to coordinate he advocated. To him was given the Chancellor. Then they constituted the various departments it is necesgredit of reducing the price of wood these leaders into a so-called Flemish sary to entrust these tasks to officers

who falled to keep his engagement. Six years later he went to the Legis | this "Rat von Flandern." lature, in which he supported Governor Tuben's reforms. He was in the

cents a pound.

President GARFIELD over the appoint-Collector of the Port, the incident He did it so completely that for years he ruled the Republican party as the Easy Boss, and eliminated MILLER from public life.

The history of Republican politics, national and State, for a quarter of a century, is bound up in the blog-.60 raphy of WARNER MILLER, a man of courage, of force, of wit and of great accomplishments.

#### Spring in Germany.

Spring is a season of joy or despair, according to the fortunes of those to whom it comes; and in Germany militarism is creating, or trying to creminds of the Germans must have, present, their scheme of trying to gain they wear are worthly worn. The people have given perhaps two million lives and fifty billions of Belgian people. money to a tack that was to have The remarkable feature of this Another budget for . ... blillions is struction of their homes and the wipon the table. The . rgeants are look- ing out of their kingdom. It is only ing over the old men and the young another instance of the utter inability boys. From the fields comes the fa- of the Germans to appreciate or unmiliar smell of warming earth, ready derstand any other people. for the ploughman, but the ploughman is himself earth at the foot of ness of our soldiers at the front is Hill 304, the key that would not turn.

near at hand. In the fortunes of war | It is a lonely spring for Germany. this thing or that thing may occur; the fourth spring of sadness, of won- eign language, where German and but the thing which cannot occur has dering about the great promised vicrepublic in terms which admit of no war instead of into the fields. Memthe people who are behind the Amer- April, 1915, when the War Lord was flicted. ican army at the front, President to burn his way with poison gas to Wilson said to Germany fifteen the Channel ports; of February, 1916. when the Crown Prince was to take Verdun and end it all gloriously. Every wind of the new season brings win the war, and nothing shall turn us a reminder of the great failures and what they cost,

The Russian victory is not enough to cheer a fired, thin people. A hunbeing devoted to that purpose until it gry man gains nothing by capturing a beggar. So the General Staff, officient even unto death somebody else's death-takes the ready envelope from the famous cabinet. In case of popular depression, it reads, strike at England! Tell the people again, for inspiring to those upon whom the it is spring, that the hour has come! hones and the prayers and the love The plan worked before Ypres and before Verdun; and it is only fair to say that the Junkers did their best to going passage from his address to keep the word given at home. At Congress at the beginning of the Ypres they had vapors fresh from Satan's own laboratory; at Verdun "Our present and immediate task is they had more war machinery than before. At Ypres they could not turn even the green Canadians. At Verdun they died in tiers, with the long faced Prince's reputation at the bot-

tom of the mess. This spring there is no real expectation in the minds of the German chiefs that they will reach the Channel. The Calais they hope to capture to galvanize once more the numbing common German soldiers?

There has to be a Spring Song in the Hymn of Hate must serve to soothe the nation's ragged nerves another little while.

### The Attempt to Separate the Belgian Provinces.

Despite their intrigues and the use of the force which they had at their command the Germans' attempt to divide Belgitm and to develop among the Flemish people a pro-German sentiment has failed.

From the time that they entered Belgium they evidently had this scheme in mind. General von Bissing antagonistic attitude to the Walloons. will as a Germanic tribe constitute a strengthening of Germanism." At the beginning of the war Germany had she would get some support from the Flemings, for the Flemish-Walloon

The Walloons, who live in the PLATT, DEPEW and LAUTERBACH. This close affinities with the French, were was the end of WARNER MILLER AS A making a strong fight against the growing ascendency of the Flemings feated. Jackson was subsequently against the encroachment of the trenches, are impostors or slackers.

"Latin tide." a situation peculiarly favorable to and are maintained as essential parts pulp from fifteen to four and a half congress, "Rat von Flandern." The and men subject to military rule. In 1867 he got into politics through of the Government organs came out the accident of replacing a speaker with the declaration that Germany should make a separate peace with

Recent developments show how the

he Senate after their quarrel with versity at Ghent and almost the entire enrolment is made up of forment of WILLIAM H. ROBERTSON as eigners. The Flemish people denounced the "party" as in no way that gave to PLATT the name of "Me representing them and the "leaders" too," although PLATT induced CONK- as traitors to the race and nation. and to quit and appeal to the New When these "leaders" attempted to ex-York Legislature for reelection as a plain their position they were hissed vindication of their course. Their and their meetings broken up. Detopes were not fulfilled and PLATT spite the strong display of German set to work to reestablish himself, military force riots and disturbances took place all over Belgium when Judges who, in accordance with the laws of the kingdom, had ordered the arrest of certain men who had pro-

Flanders. The Fiemish people declared that these men were traitors to Belgium, that they were serving the German plan to turn Flanders over to Germany and they should have been Belgium through a division of the

That there are many and large communities in Middle West States of them is too severe. wherein English is virtually a for-

reveals nothing new in this respect. on its roster. It only brings the deplorable fact to such localities, notably in Wisconsia in the noncombatant departments, jority of children attend schools is taught, wherein the speaking of there must be no censure. English is not only barred but punished, wherein German, and never American, national songs are sung. even naturalized, and wherein many purposes of war exhibition and bond more have only gone so far in the naturalization process as that "declaration of intent" stage which, under pernicious State laws, gives them access to the ballot box and thus to a formidable leverage for their undermining alien activities.

A clear understanding of all this causes which moved Dr. Nicholas MURRAY BUTLER in his recent St. Louis address to insist with so much force on a single language standard for all elementary school instruction. By political intrigue and by political dragooning of the approved Prussian variety there has been for years past a persistent effort to thrust the Geris the confidence of the depressed na. man language down the throats of

Not only should education be oblifigure of militarism, what price could gatory, but, as Dr. Butles so forcibly be cheaper than a few divisions of pointed out, it should also be made obligatory that the basic foundations of that education are kept in the lan- probable that alien enemies violating Jermany. Mendelssonn's is dead, so guage of the country. With us that language happens to be English. There severely as loyal citizens are. is no room here for fundamental school instruction in any other tongue. rechial or private, where German alone is taught, with anti-American-

> ism specialized. The war has thrust many offensive housecleaning jobs upon us. Presumably it will load us up with many more before it is ended. And of al these none is more pressingly exigent of these educational sewers of sedition which so long have been fouling the air of many American school

# Noncombatants in Uniform.

apparently reason to believe that fort to segregate worthy and brave army officers dutifully performing instead of some makeshift name. their tasks in noncombatant units or nationality question was so acute as | details from despicable chair warmers almost to threaten a disruption of the who have obtained bomb proof jobs entitling them to wear honorable uniforms without exposing their hides to mittee, in which he had sat with south speak a French patois and have danger have been well illustrated in the numerous letters on this subject we have printed. Now that Congress is likely to take the matter up and As a soldier WARNER MILLER earned in the north, a kindred people to the find out what the facts are, it is well promotion from private to Lieutenant Dutch. Some of the more aggressive to remember that not all the men in for bravery on the field. At Win- Walloons had declared for annexation uniform who wear khaki but do not chester Stonewall Jackson captured with France, and some of the Flem- share the toll of the camps, the rigor him when General Banks was delings had even sought German aid of training, or the danger of the

> The noncombatant units of the This appeared to the German mind army here and abroad were created army is to be successful in its mission Without them the fighting men would be unable to do their duty. Much of their work, in the opinion of many critics, could as well be done by civil lans; but army authorities generally whole thing looked so good that one This is true not only in the American army, but in every army.

Being of the army, it is obviously necessary that these men should obes the army regulations, and these pre scribe exactly what the persons sub people saw the German hand work- ject to them shall wear. Many offi-House of Representatives in '81 when ing in all of these schemes. The cere and men assigned to duty away

CONKLING and PLATT resigned from Flemings refused to attend the uni- from the scene of actual combat would wear civilian clothing if they were allowed to; and laxness in compelling them to wear uniforms has led to unpleasant, and occasionally scan-

dalous, occurrences in the past. Insistence on the wearing of unlforms is therefore not unwise, nor is man's appearance in uniform while Washington office evidence that he mit, or if he cannot afford to buy bonds, as to the service he is performing, or

is not entitled. Thousands of officers and men doing desk duty, inspection duty and claimed the political independence of the like in this country are as eager to go to the front as the most ambitious volunteer who is with General Persuing; many of them have been his self-denial. bitterly disappointed by the frustration of their hope to see active service; not a few have sought to quit tried by Belgian Judges. This mani- the army on account of their non- in this way: "A bar of iron cannot float festation of Flemish spirit was too warlike employment; and many more much even for the German rulers of would quit it if they did not know Those of a speculative turn of mind may Belgium, and it is announced that that the work they do is of supreme are, the artificial joyousness which the they have abandoned, at least for the importance and that the uniforms

These men deserve and receive honor. They are not to be con- prosperous, a policy of universal redemned because alongside of them been finished three springs ago. Loy- effort is not so much its failure as are a few despicable creatures who ally supporting the Junker ambitious, that it was ever undertaken after masquerade as soldiers and deliberthey have seen not only their sons and the Belgian people had buried their ately seek safe tobs simply because their money, but their national honor, differences and fought so valiantly they are safe. Of such the country disappear into the red whirlpool, as a united nation against the de- has unquestionably as many in pro- it is not quite true that all industries portion to the size of the army as are equally necessary in the econom any other country has. They present a problem that has not been solved deniable that in a given community they anywhere. They merit the severest reprobation. Those who encourage them by protecting them, by provid-Certain Housecleaning Jobs Ahead. ing jobs for them, by sheltering them. are as had. Nothing that can be said

But their presence in the army does not discredit the honest and sin-German alone is understood and cere men who wear the uniform. It been stated by the President of the tories, of seeing unfit men go away to spoken, may come as a surprise permay be evidence that politicians have lies, we shall have considerably less than haps to many in the country, although overloaded necessary departments we should otherwise have for that purdouble construction. Speaking for ories rise of other vernal hopes; of long notorious in the States thus af- with useless sons of influential constituents, or that in expanding the The heavy anti-American vote in army we have been fooled about some the Wisconsin Senatorial primaries of the men who have been enrolled

The point is that no general indicta wider American consciousness. In ment can be brought against the men and Nebraska, the overwhelming ma- Each case must be judged on its merits. For the slackers there must wherein German and German alone be no mercy; for the honorable men

The Liberty Loan Committee has done a graceful and proper thing in will promote subscriptions and the meadow land. It is altogether a satindoubtedly was one of the impelling isfactory termination of a contest such transaction, either by paying the congratulate everybody-all around.

advance with the idea that the world, trusting simply in Teuton falsehood. would not expect the offensive to occur.

Bulgarian troops are now on the western front .- The news.

The Yankee troops in France must

Every little while Washington is sues a threat which makes it seem the laws may soon be punished as

as they are at home despite the ac- the question. tivitles of pro-German liars.

# A Germantowner Rejoices.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! was interested and pleased to read in your columns "Germantown retains its country. name." It's my birthplace, and I for than the chloride of lime cleansing one-and I believe others now living in grined to have seen the ludicrous name of "Viewmount" in its stead.

The "froze up" period seems to have tions and congratulate themselves that they still have the name of Germantown V. H. ROCKEPELLER.

### The Taxpayer and the Income Tax. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. 1

article on income tax forms. We on this side of the water are no less in the trenches in a way than our boys on the other side, and our time should be devoted to the furtherance of their interests "over there" and not taken up needlessly in struggling with the intricacies of complicated tax returns here.

It is the paramount duty of the Gov ernment to leave industry as free and untrammelled as is possible under the freumstances, but I am sometimes led to feel that this important matter is not receiving all the attention to which it is entitled JAMES J. MOORE.

NEW YORK, March 22.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SOLE IN eference to your article on ex-Ma Curley of Boston and his being called a "scut," I find that your philologica department is in error. Scut is the curly end of a pig's tail. It comes from the Icelandic skutr, meaning the stern. from skjots, meaning to jut out. The the scut. You know there is a famous painting of a phillilu bird sitting on a scut in the moonlight, and the titlebut that's another story.

A Hymn Beyond Hate. From the St. Louis Post-Dispotch I do not like the Kaiser— A pest, beyond a doubt; But trust that I am wiser

MONEY'S ENDLESS CHAIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT!

Is It Economical to Remove Some of the Links?

think it ought to be laid down as axiomatic that it is the duty of every one in Government by every means in his difference in the ratios of losses in the power; that it is his duty to buy all the British, French and Italian merchant he does merely cierical work in a Liberty bonds that his means will perseeks to deceive the casual observer then all the war stamps that he can afford. So much being premited, I hope I will not incur the charge of disloyalty the Germans banished three Belgian attempts to seize a fame to which he if I venture to question the wisdom of the "thrift" policy that is being incul- in the Italian merchant marine. cated by the Government in the paign to stimulate the sale of the war stamps, the principle of which is that 140, or over three times as great. Prestamps shall be bought not out of the individual's surplus merely, but, if he has no surplus, out of the proceeds of

rine architecture will recall that when was proposed to build ships of iron the objectors phrased their opposition therefore a ship of iron cannot float." entertain themselves by discovering the All the Rapid Transit Men Contribfallney in the logic. Iron cannot float but iron ships do float. . In the same way many seem to reason that if a policy of retrenchment may make an individual trenchment will necessarily make whole nation prosperous. This assume that though trade is considerably restricted, total incomes remain undimin-

This, as I see it, is a great mistake fabric or that they render equal support to one another; nevertheless, it is are more or less interdependent and that one cannot be affected adversely without all the rest being more or less adversely affected also. Now, while it may appear that by eliminating certain expenses entirely and thus eliminating certain industries entirely we shall at first have more poney with which to purchase stamps or bonds. I believe it to be true that when the economic wheel shall have come

I think we shall be in the position of a man who, instead of living on the in- him food for thought. Instead of sendcome from his capital, undertakes to live on the capital itself. While the capital lasts he can live much better than he could on the income, but in a comparatively short time he has nothing. whereas had he been content with the income he might live a thousand years sented the insult. Far from being so on it, did nature keep him alive,

To take a concrete instance: The speakers advocate "cutting out" the movies stamps. I believe the better way would be not to "cut out" the movies but to take them in pretty much as before, conaccepting the city's offer of part of tributing the admission tax directly to its most cherished pleasure ground for the Government and enabling the picture house proprietor to make profits of which The sacrifice on the part of he in turn will give the Government the city and the risk of detriment to share in the form of a profits tax. The park property would be considerable sum thus obtained may not be very great and economical system? Is that the in ordinary times; in this national in a given case, but it will be continuous President's thought? F. C. WILLIAMS. in ordinary times; in this national in a given case, but it will be continuous emergency it is a negligible factor, and in the aggregate it will, compara-We have no doubt the trench exhibit tively speaking, be very great. And se city can well afford to suffer a slight true policy would seem to be not to and easily reparable detriment to its restrict commercial transactions but to make the Government a sharer in every conducted on one side with unneces- tax decreed by law in connection theresary heat and superfluous vigor. We with or by voluntarily taxing ourselves to the same effect.

It is only by stimulating industry, not by restricting it, that the nation can find the means of financing the Government; to preach a policy of "thrift" by curtailing trade is to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, because diminishing trade means diminishing incomes, unemployment, digtress. To throw people out pf employment before the Government needs beauty such as I have witnessed in New their services is to injure, not help it.

#### THE METRIC SYSTEM. Word From One Not Convinced of Its Necessity.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: The article entitled 'The Metric System and tremulous motion, now red, now yellow, Another tale of alleged misbehavior its International Advantages" which by American fighting men abroad has appeared in The Sun was very inter-Above all is there no room here for been proved to be false. Pretty soon esting, but it is to be hoped that we sunny day, the aurora gradually faded, those elementary schools, whether path the country will learn to assume that shall before long be favored with a lasting about four hours. our men in foreign lands are as good similar presentation of the other side of

While the opinions and desires of the like the unrolling of bolts of silk underscientists are worthy of all attention going friction at the hands of giants, and consideration, those of the manufacturers are equally important; and of electric light through rarefled air is are in a sense more closely associated with the industrial progress of the

The writer possesses voluminous data which to say the least demonstrate the metropolis-would have felt cha- that the necessity for the compulsory battery through the Middle and Eastern adoption of the metric system is far from being soute. The arguments of the metric system advocates could be had its depressing effect on some of read with considerable more interest its citizens. With the coming of spring and greater liberality of mind if they and the fruit blossoms the inhabitants would at the time of making the genera can again begin their normal occupa- statements present the facts in support

To cite just one ex mile, the official organ of this propaganda for September confains the following statement The United States Government is using he metric system almost exclusively in the manufacture of its planes." This is one general statement which cannot be supported by facts because the facts of am in hearty accord with your editorial the case are that the English system of measurements is being used, excepin isolated cases, such as spark plug threads, where the metric system is desirable in order to effect interchange ability with some well established standard. H. D. MURPHT. JERSET CITY N. J., March 22.

Saracen's Head to Portland Pier." To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. Mr. has been some difficulty in obtaining sup-E. R. Garcsynski in his rendering of piles and the moment is opportune for the the old English sallors' doggerel, "Old introduction of American goods. horse, old horse, what brought you here?" in your issue of March 17, is at fault.

The second line should read "From Saracen's Head to Portland Pier," Sara ren's Head being an old horse market in London, Portland Pier on the Eng-As to "Saracap," there ain't no sich place: neither does the jingle appear in

Dana's "Two Years Hefore the Mast." J. PIRRSON HEARTT. CALDWELL, N. J., March 22.

Spring windeth now its budding way Along the lanes of France. And greening leaf and feathered spray In sudden breezes dance, Are hidden in their blossoming. That sacred soil from whence they rise

Gives to its seed new life, And so shall it immortalise Its sons that face the strife; less invincible their lance Than is the spring that comes to France. MAURICE MORRIE.

BRITISH SHIP LOSSES.

The Ratio Three Times as Large at Among French and Italian Vessels. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: That the great destruction of British ships is not due to any lack of adequate means of saving them is proved by the great

marines

The British losses for about a yea have been about fifteen ships of over 1.600 tons a week in total sailings about 2,100 ships of all tonnages; two about 900 in the French, and one in 450 The losses by the French and Italians

are about one in 450, the British one in venting this excessive and unnecessary loss, which can be done, will be equal to building ten ships a week of over 1.600 tons, estimated at 4,500 tons, or Those familiar with the history of ma- 500 a year, or building 45,000 tons a week, or 2,250,000 tons a year. CORNELIUS MARTIN.

NEW YORK, March 22.

# CREDIT TO THE GENEROUS. uted to That Ambulance.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: An article which appeared in THE SUN of Sunday, March 10, entitled "Subway Men Qive Ambulance to United States, creates the impression that the car was given by subway men only.

The facts are that it was given by the 15,000 members of the Brotherhood of Interborough Employees, and these men are employed on all Interborough lines and in all Interborough shops.

The men working on the Manhattan division (elevated lines) and in the shops regret that they were not men-They certainly leserve as much credit as any group of men and have worked hard to make the Mair the success that it was JOHN A. PRELAN,

NEW YORK, March 22.

to the New Jersey Democrats.

#### "ECONOMIC SERFDOM." The President's Enigmatic Message

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIF: When he President sent his message to the Soviet conference at Moscow they replied in a way that ought to have given ing an answer to him as the head of this republic they churitahly address themselves to the downtrodden toilers of a capitalistic war. The Woodrow Wilson of a few years back would have reaffected he rather shows that he is pro-In his letter to the Democratic leaders assembled at Newark on March 20 he uses this amazing language: "The men in the trenches who have been freed from the economic serfdom to which ome of them have been accustomed will, it is likely, return to their homes

This must refer to our own boys Have they been serfs to our politica PHILADELPHIA, March 22.

#### SOUTHERN LIGHTS. Magnificent Displays Visible Below the Equator.

To THE HOLTOR OF THE SUN-SIE: MY friend David A. Curtis in THE SUN of o-day tells us of the aurora seen in the Southern Hemisphere corresponding to the aurora borcalis or Northern lights. He means the aurora Australis (not aurora Australia; or Southern lights. The extracts given from the account communicated to him of these polar meteoric phenomena give but a faint idea of their grandeur and startling

southern heavens I viewed with awe and wender years ago from the shores of the harbor of Port Jackson, Sydney, New South Wales. From the zenith to the horizon the whole southern sky was illumined with broad streamers, huge ribbons radiating in fanlike form all in

At the height of the luminosity there were sounds of the electrical current

Literally the night was as light as a

then a Nile green and pale

the polar regions. It always affects the electric telegraph. In 1869 the Western Union Company during a brilliant display worked its lines without the aid of a

States. H. B. VALLENTINE. NEW YORK, March 20.

# TRADE BRIEFS.

dustries are to be shown in Europe, North and South America. It is suggested by Consul J. S. Armstrong that American nanufacturers plan elmilar trade ex-

Smoked mussels are being used exten-ively for food in Holland. The mussels are said to have found favor among the Dutch consumers, and in view of the dwindling supply of food they are wel-come additions to the staple supplies. A firm in French Indo-China wishes to communicate with American exporters of aniline, colluted acticles, camet hair

belting, disinfectants and other goods, England.

Chile presents a field for the sale of football shoes. A sample of the footwear in general use can be seen, at the Custom House, this city. English shoes, retailing at about \$6 a pair, are popular, but there There is a market in Trinidad for sec

ond hand sugar and cocoa bags. It has been impossible to get new bags from Cal-cutta, the usual source of supply. Names of firms shipping cocos and sugar can be obtained from the Foreign and Domestic Commerce Bureau, 734 Custom House, this city, by reference to File No. 98006. Canadian dealers are in the market for fire beile.

Tile making machinery is wanted in

Grace's orange crop numbered 44,000,-000 in 1917. There were 45,000,000 man-darins grown. Definite figures for the emon and citron crops are not available. A Jamaican firm wishes to buy hand orks, hoes, nai's, tin, machetes, cement, paints, laundry soap and bar iron. Tacks for motor car upholstery are in

demand in Canada. Sprat fishing in the River Tay, near Dundee, Scotland, has proved more profit-able during the present season than ever

# TIPPLING NOT AN INHERENT TRAIT OF HUMAN BEINGS.

New Generations Will Get Along Without It, Just as New China Lives Without Opium and the South Without Slavery

With surprise and unconviction I) thousand years, and imitative. In the have just read in The Sun of March Southern States the yearning had be 9 the lengthy argument by Appleton come so long established that posses Morgan opposing the dry amendment, sion of colored property was a natural lie lived in prohibition Maine, which and ineradicable yearning of the white appens to be closely bordered by race. Then Abraham Lincoln spotled liquor provinces and visited by vacathat theory. He abolished slaver tionists from liquor districts. In Maine not only as a war time policy but a iclators of the law have had imported a perpetual enactment in the Federal ncentives.

He assumes that alcoholic indulgence ized that he was destroying propersuch a general and inherent trait values and depriving States of taxa in the human race that it never can be eradicated by legal enactment; therefore any constitutional amendment for national prohibition would inevitably lead to general infractions of ing and without the means of a live the law, to evasions and to lack of respect for all statutes. That seems a far fetched inference, somewhat akin and ignorant peoples have few or to an interested wish fathered by a crude amusements. Convival drink financially inspired desire.

The use of alcoholic liquor is largely mitative. Babes and children know not the craving. The great majority

of womankind makes no such plea. The Kaiser is expressing one of those lar. Paying for another's glass ineradicable human cravings. His is for world power, to be the big boss, to osity, sociability, good fellowship,

enslave. man craver, with an ineradicable de-sire to travel free and feed free. Gov- tion is often in low tones, because the ernor Edge of New Jersey has recently talk has become smutty and profanit been so inconsiderate as to sign a law is used. Slick schemes of depriving tramps and bums and lounge izards of their chances to indulge their nherent human craving. If it were not for foolish theorists like Governor just summering round most any old

Down in Colombia and Peru cocaine clever sneak. s secured for the world's trade in that ourgically valuable narcotic. The na- ords rendered daily of the conversation live Indians where the shrub grows in various retail establishments gro vild have for generations had the habit ceries, haberdasheries, confectione of chewing the leaves. Thus they get comething of the narcotic effects of which set of records would be large that habit forming drug. If the plant profanity and vocal sewage and coar were grown all over America, in the ribald jokes and vulgar witticism school yards, doubtless American people would in time fall into the same leaf chewing habit, to be defended as an ineradicable craving of the human

In the Philippines native women regularly smoke huge black cigars. That is another imitative habit. Start the improved and more prosperous living custom in New York, and with proper social and stage example and given favorable publicity it might be made a community and finally a national nabit, as popular as snuff taking was during the Revolutionary war. perhaps cigar dealers could be found to publish defences of the practice as an ineradicable yearning of the human

There was option smoking in China. It didn't start there. British interests developed the trade from India with the impetus of an English punitive expedition to compel the commerce. But after opium had long been generally obtainable and the habit had grown Boy Scouts in the United States intil 40,000,000 Chinese were regular opium addicts, China put a stop to importations and to home production. In young boys to chew coca leaves, t lankow, China, there is \$60,000,000 worth of English owned opium from If all such things had been abolished India in one warehouse, and nothing twenty years ago, how could you to doing. That great yearning of the human race may have continued for some of the old flends. But the new generation is coming on quite serenely gnorant of it.

Negro slavery has been a varied hood? habit of the human race for several

## NO CLOCK COMMISSION. Important Omission Discovered in the A Boy Who Was Frightened Recalls

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. Thank To THE EDITOR OF THE SUS goodness that victous old law prohibit- have a vivid recollection of the gree aurora of 1869, which several of you ing different working hours in summer- correspondents have recalled. I was c time from those in wintertime has been a years old on the Good Priday tor repealed: I have not read the new law, of 1860, when, from my window income to the prescribes penalties for non-observance. Any one who fails to sixth street, across Madison Square set his clock (how about watches!) one saw the entire sky blood red. hour shead on March 31, a close shave Having been frightened by an from All Fools' Day, and turn it back nurse's tales of comets and super at an hour on October 27 (Teddy's birth- appearances in the sky, I ran crying day-a gracious, delicate touch) will be my parents' room that the end of exemplarity punished as wiff, too, those world had come. I vividly recall a traitorous recalcitrants who, having my father's startled expression when been in the habit of rising at 7. shall con- looked out, while trying to spotte tumaclously lie abed until 8 and law- fears. This aurora of 1860 was prolessly retire an hour later than usual, the most wonderful in this latitude The exasperating impossibility of mak- which there is no record, and the bi ing the work day 7 to 4 in summer and red appearance of the sky fasted for " S to 5 in winter has held us back like eral hours. I remember the old set the devil. It did just seem as though omer Stephen Alexander, when I Tato pay tribute to coal barons and gas ture upon the aurora, dwelt part of a princes, but now, thanks to wise, fear-less legislators, we have picked the Gor-The appearance of t dian knot with a clock key, begorra. We latitude was far more frequent just couldn't change work hours, but we gone years than of late, soil in the could and did outwit old Sol. Brains the manifestation of the fetrhimphed. And may I not give warn- there has not been any great auing that any man who shall make his fifteen or twenty years business hours 9 to 6 by the acrobatic or even August and more frequents Se.

him beware. The chief merit, however, of this new period of great heat, the autora law which conforms to the best traditions apt to be seen, and as faof governmental administration is that it Richmond, Va. It is very from opens a new mine of income to a million summer and early auting a good citizens unfortunately unfitted by lower St. Lawrence, and I have to nature and habit for work. We must during the last ten years some ter have immediately

A Director General of Horology. Ten Vice-Directors.

posed of fifteen members from each county of ten members, and alternates. A Head Winder.

Ten thousand Deputy Winders. A Head Setter.

Ten thousand Assistant Setters.
A Secret Service Bureau with 25,000 ples a proportionate spin . and evaders of the law.

offenders, with the usual court officers, in gold coin and walked off This will help keep down the surplus and increase taxes—the prime object of Wasterson's the since every well ordered democracy. The only

fly in this olntment is the fact that small part of the expense will really be borne by the coal and gas merchants-

DECATUR, Ill., March 21.

From the Quincy Herald. Harry Kay and George Beach were the before. The catch was large and prices interpreters of the leading roles, but the more abnormally high. Many of the fish-real soler of the cast was Frank McCultermen realised weekly profits of from \$500 leads as the atterney in the diwarce court they will soon have an average a prices of the leading roles, but the first realised was frank McCultermen to wife of 1875. They may have all girls and the storing the season.

Constitution. He ought to have rea that changing so many negroes from slavery to freedom would disrupt own. ers' plans and leave the negroes start

Poor folks have poor ways. Stup.d ing offers a short cut to imagined enjoyment without the necessity of physical exertion or thought processe Saloon drinking affords easy mean for the very human desire to be popu booze is supposed evidence of gene

Provide nothing for young love The average tramp is another hu- do and they naturally gravitate not infrequently are voiced by son evil spirit in the group.

Provide just such boys with our air playgrounds and exciting and Edge all of us could be carefree tramps, wholesome diversions, competitive transport that summering round most any old games, and there is no great years ing to outwit the cop and to

Imagine complete dictographic re shops, hat stores, saloons, Gues ribald jokes and vulgar wittleism lie parks, along the roadsides, in It's the small boy over again w nothing better provided for wholesom recreation and social pastime.

I have lived in far Western tow that have gone from wet to dry within a few years sor of the rottenest communities evolve into places of civic pride and great conditions. We have a boy in the high sales

Yet almost all his school days we spent in saloonless communities. No until we moved to New Jersey did have to pass and repass saloons and see daily evidences of the liquor traf fic's dirtying effects upon a commi nity. Then we chose a school outside of New Jersey where he might has a better environment for clean, whole some development, away from those ever present evidences of saloon fluence in retarding local impro-

ments. There are several hundred thousand There may be a great inerad all human yearning among all the smoke opium, to drink strong liquo that it was not just a great admire boy desire to play baseball or go iling or hiking or swimming or to movies-to live, to see, to do. achieve, and to grow to enviable man

# A GREAT AURORA the Phenomenon.

New BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 11

clock will be dealt with summarily? Let tember nights in bygone years when cool northwest wind had so reled able auroras at Murray Ball, Carabetween Quebec and the Saguetta

JAMES B. Thy with A Supreme Clock Committee, com- New York, March 22

## State, with a sub-committee in every The Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow.

To THE EDITOR OF THE S sidering that \$112,000 in For have been some cast tron por as a c eleuths to run down and arrest violators THE SUN referred as "capa

A Special Court of Horology to try offenders, with the usual court officers, moise, beit in which a man

## Making Our Oun Indian From the Popular science is a tag.

not quite all by the people. But they is fo help for that.

What I admire particularly in this clever plan for saving daylight is the manner of doing it. Why go directly to 1883, and including to the commencing with the tariff of Manner of the commencing with the commencing nutting a duty on it. If it's derman dye makers.

The Average Arkaness I'amil From the Stone County he me Bern, to wife of Hills Team, a f. They now have als girls and three